

NEW CONSTITUTION FOR CHINA IS NECESSITY SAYS THE PRESIDENT

(Correspondence Associated Press.)
PEKING, Nov. 27.—The Chinese republic must have a new constitution, a new election law and parliament must be reorganized, in the opinion of President Feng Kwo-chang and Premier Tuan Chi-jui.

An effort to achieve these objects is in progress in the sessions of the new national council, called by the president and the premier for that purpose.

POPULAR SINGER OF ARGENTINE IS ARRESTED AS LUXBURG AIDE

(Correspondence Associated Press.)
BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 29.—Few women ever have been so popular and so loved by the Argentine public as Elona Theodorini, an opera singer famous in this country, who was arrested by officers of a French cruiser on a charge that she was a spy in the employ of Count Luxburg, the former German minister here.

Count Luxburg received his passports from the Argentine government for sending to Germany a suggestion that Argentine ships be sunk without trace.

La Theodorini, as she has always been called in Argentina, took passage on board a steamer for Europe in company with a group of theatrical persons who were known to be friends of Count Luxburg.

The steamer was halted off Montevideo by British cruisers and some of the others of the theatrical group were placed under arrest, but Theodorini was not molested until the steamer was overhauled by a French cruiser off the Spanish coast.

News that the cruiser had taken her from the passenger steamer on

contain provisions for satisfactory co-ordination of the executive, legislative and judicial branches of the government. Both officials pointed out in addresses to the council that it was the absence of such provisions in the present constitution that led to the outbreak of numerous disorders and revolts which have transpired in this country since the beginning of the attempt to organize a republican form of government.

The president and the premier apparently have divergent views as to whether the new constitution should be promulgated by the national council or by a new parliament to be summoned after the work of the council is finished. President Feng

told the council that he sincerely hoped that after it had revised the Chinese election laws, parliament would be called to draft and promulgate the constitution, but Premier Tuan urged the council itself to amend the fundamental law of the Chinese state.

"Unless we have a strong and sound government, we never will be able to survive the struggle of the nations," declared the president. "To form a nation and to establish it on a firm basis is a colossal task. Six years is too short a time to prove whether government by the people is suitable for China. Therefore, I entertain great expectations for the success of your task."

NO NEED FOR CONCERN SAY WESTERN RAIL MEN

There is no reason for concern on the part of western shippers as the report that western railroads have been asked by the railroad war board to hold one hundred locomotives in readiness to be turned over to eastern lines. This is the view taken by C. J. McDonald, assistant to William Sproule, chairman of the western department of the war board.

"By western railroads is meant all roads in that territory west of the Mississippi river," explains McDonald. "The regulation is being made on the basis of the number of locomotives owned by each railroad operating in that territory. The number allotted from each individual line is very small, and they will be kept in service until the requisition is effective."

"It should be borne in mind that the release of these locomotives to eastern territory is for the purpose of relieving the congestion which is tying up equipment there that we need out here. So that the effect will be to make available for the West cars and equipment that would otherwise remain in the East. The West will not lose anything by such a move if it becomes necessary to make it."

TOKIO NOT SURPRISED.

(By Associated Press.)
TOKIO, Dec. 22.—Breaking off of the steel negotiations with the United States has not created the sensation which had been supposed would follow. The authorities are able to announce that the stock of steel shapes on hand is unexpectedly large and that the ship builders can adopt measures which will enable them to go on without great inconvenience until the government steel works come to their assistance.

ENCOURAGE FOOD STORAGE.

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Dec. 22.—The ministry of food has formed a section charged with the organization and encouragement of cold storage facilities. It is intended to arrange that a three months' supply of perishable goods shall be storable at the various ports of the United Kingdom. The accommodation they provide is to be increased by ten million cubic feet of space.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF FORESTRY SERVICE; INCOME ALMOST EQUALS UPKEEP COST

How the work of the forest service is described in the annual report of the forester, which, in the absence of the head of the service, is made by Acting Forester A. F. Potter. The report also states that practically every form of use of the forests was greater than ever before, that the receipts again touched a new high level with a total of \$3,457,028.41, and that the increase in receipts over the previous year was \$625,487.70.

"When the grazing charge has been advanced to cover the full value of the grazing privilege," says the report, "the incomes from the national forests will be close to the cost of operation. The present annual cost is about \$4,000,000. An increase equal to that of the last fiscal year would close the gap."

The forester, Henry S. Graves, is now serving with the American expeditionary forces in France, with a commission as lieutenant colonel, in connection with the forest work for the supply of the needs of our overseas troops and those of the allies. A number of other members of the forest service received commissions in the Tenth Engineers (forest), while many more entered the ranks.

"Upon the rupture of diplomatic relations with Germany," says the report, "the forest service began to plan for meeting the responsibilities which, if war followed, it should assume." Among these were emergency assistance in the protection of public works and transportation lines and the gathering of military reconnaissance information valuable to the war department.

Wood and other forest products have almost innumerable uses in modern warfare, it is pointed out. Never before has the demand for exact knowledge been so urgent. "In the work relating to forest utilization and forest products, the resources of the service have been employed to the limit of their capacity since the war began in rendering assistance to the war and navy."

INCREASE OF DRUG FIENDS.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Declarations by Joseph A. Warren, counsel for the New York state department of health, that there was "a tremendous increase" in the number of drug addicts reported by doctors, and that it was apparent many of these doctors "are not attempting to cure these addicts, but are merely supplying them with drugs," were the outstanding features at yesterday's session of the joint legislative committee investigating the drug traffic. Mr. Warren suggested that only specially licensed physicians should be permitted to prescribe narcotic drugs.

GOVERNOR PARDONS.

(By Associated Press.)
SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 22.—The governor today pardoned John Burbank, sentenced to life from Shasta county for second degree murder. He was paroled in 1910.

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TAFT SPEAKS ON WAR AIMS

UPHOLDING MORALE OF ALLIES MOST IMPORTANT TASK OF ALL, HE SAYS.

(By Associated Press.)
PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 22.—Upholding the morale of the allies is the most important task facing the United States this winter, asserted former President William H. Taft, in an address at a Red Cross mass meeting here. After detailing the activities of the Red Cross in Europe, Mr. Taft said:

"We should do everything we possibly can to help relieve the suffering of the people in the devastated countries of Europe. We must study the psychological problems of the war-stricken peoples if we are to understand the situation."

Discussing peace possibilities, the former president declared:

"Peace is not a question of terms. It is a question of downing the ruling power of Germany today—the German military autocracy. It is a question of helping the blind and misled German people to see what their government is and how they are being fooled."

"The German people have become obsessed with grandeur, with the idea that they are supermen and are God's chosen people. A people thus obsessed are just as dangerous in the family of nations and to permanent peace as a mad dog in the domestic family. That is the only way you can explain the atrocities, violations of international law and other crimes of the German nation."

MICHIGAN OUT OF FUEL.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Fuel supplies in Michigan have reached such a low ebb that Administrator W. K. Prudden last night asked manufacturers in that state to suspend operation of industrial plants from midnight tonight until midnight December 29. The only exceptions are factories making war munitions needed for prompt shipment.

CHICAGO RED CROSS.

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—The campaign for new members of the Red Cross in Chicago has brought the total membership up to 438,302, a gain of 21,000 names during yesterday. Managers of the work said they were confident that the membership would more than reach the 600,000 minimum that has been set for this city before the campaign closes Christmas eve.

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